(c) No proposals for setting up garbage based power plants have so far been received from any of the State Governments.

Selling prices of electricity in Thailand and India

†2454. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide gap between the consumer selling prices of electricity prevailing in Thailand and India;

(b) if so, what are the selling prices of electricity on an average, for the industrial consumers in Thailand and India for the year 2005-06; and

(c) the reasons for this gap along with its ill effects on Power Sector of India?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The available information regarding the comparative tariffs of electricity for households and industries in India and Thailand is given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) Tariffs for industrial consumers in India are generally higher than for the domestic consumers because of cross subsidies. The need for reducing cross subsidies has been accepted and is reflected in the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the National Electricity Policy (NEP) with the objective of improving the competitiveness of Indian industry.

Statement

Comparative Tariffs of Electricity for Households and Industries in India and Thailand

Electricity Prices For Industry In $ US/kwh

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
India	0.066	0.065	0.070	0.068	0.073	0.089	0.082	0.081	0.080
Thailand	0.063	0.065	0.066	0.066	0.071	0.059	0.052	0.054	0.057

Electricity Prices For Households In $ US/kwh

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
India	0.030	0.028	0.030	0.026	0.027	0.035	0.034	0.035	0.039
Thailand	0.066	0.069	0.069	0.075	0.077	0.066	0.056	0.058	0.060

Source: International Energy Statistics "Energy Prices & Taxes" 2003

Completion of Subansiri Lower Hydro-Electric Project

2455. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) when the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project, one of the largest projects in the country being executed in Central Sector in Arunachal Pradesh/Assam border is proposed to be completed;

(b) whether all the works related to the construction of the project have been awarded; and

(c) if so, the details of the progress made so far by the project in all fronts?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Approval of the Government of India was conveyed on 9.9.2003 for implementation of the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project (2000 MW) in Arunachal Pradesh in the Central Sector by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC). The project is scheduled for commissioning in September 2010.

(b) and (c) Contracts for major civil and electro-mechanical works, except for hydro-mechanical works, have been awarded by NHPC. The contractors have mobilized their manpower and equipments and works have commenced. Major civil works of excavation of power house and diversion tunnel inlet structure are under progress. Approach road to diversion tunnel and intake works are in progress. Permanent bridge over Subansiri river has been completed and other infrastructure works *i.e.* roads, bridges and buildings are under execution.